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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Consideration of the following amendment and remarks is requested. A First Office Action was issued on March 15, 2006. This response is being filed within the initial three-month period for response (to and including June 15, 2006) so no extensions or fees are believed to be needed. However, the Commissioner is requested to provide any extension of time that may be required and is authorized to deduct any associated fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.

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